GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CONVENTION ON TERRORISM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India`s comprehensive convention on terrorism discussed in the sixth committee of the UN General Assembly had a smooth passage with US support;

(b) if so, the main resolutions put forward by India in the committee of the UN General Assembly;

(c) the extent to which the committee passed the India`s resolutions on the subject; and

(d) the steps the Government propose to take to implement the UN Committee`s resolutions?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) -(b) India circulated the draft of a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism at the 51st session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in 1996.At the 54th session of the UNGA, in 1999, it was decided that the Indian draft would be taken up for discussion in the Sixth Committee of the United Nations. The draft Convention seeks to strengthen international cooperation to address international terrorism. The Convention calls on all States to adopt measures to ensure that criminal acts within the scope of the Convention are under no circumstances justifiable by considerations of political, philosophical, ideological, racial, ethnic, religious or other similar nature. The Convention also calls on all States to take all practicable measures to prohibit the establishment and operation of terrorist installations and training camps, and to either prosecute or extradite terrorists.

(c)-(d) Discussions have taken place on the draft Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (25 September - 6 October, 2000 and 12-23 February, 2001) in the UN Open-ended Working Group set up by the Sixth Committee.The draft received support from a large number of countries, including the US. Discussions and negotiations are continuing. The question of implementation will arise after the Convention is finalised and adopted by the United Nations.